

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-2 (cancelled).

1 ~~3~~ (currently amended) The formulation of claim ~~2~~ wherein A taste masked pharmaceutical composition comprising a microcapsule, said microcapsule comprising a pharmaceutically active agent core coated with a taste masking effective amount of a water-insoluble enteric coating, wherein said pharmaceutically active agent ~~the drug~~ is an antibiotic drug selected from a naphthyridone-carboxylic acid type antibiotic or a quinolone-carboxylic acid type antibiotic, and wherein the coating comprises a weakly acidic methacrylic acid-ethyl acrylate copolymer.

2 ~~4~~ (original) The formulation of claim ~~3~~ wherein the antibiotic drug is selected from levofloxacin, ciprofloxacin, norfloxacin, ofloxacin or enoxacin.

3 ~~5~~ (original) The formulation of claim ~~4~~ wherein the antibiotic drug is levofloxacin.

4 ~~6~~ (currently amended) The formulation of claim ~~6~~ wherein levofloxacin is present in a range of from about 1 gram to about 5 grams of levofloxacin per 100 mL of a reconstituted formulation.

5 ~~7~~ (original) The formulation of claim ~~6~~ wherein levofloxacin is present in a range of from about 2.5 grams to about 5 grams of levofloxacin per 100 mL of a reconstituted formulation.

6 ~~8~~ (original) The formulation of claim ~~6~~ wherein levofloxacin is present in a range selected from about 1 gram of levofloxacin per 100 mL of a reconstituted formulation, from about 2.5 grams of levofloxacin per 100 mL of a reconstituted formulation or from about 5 grams of levofloxacin per 100 mL of a reconstituted formulation.

7 ~~9~~ (currently amended) The formulation of claim ~~4~~ wherein the taste masking

effective amount of the coating is a weight ratio of coating weight to weight of the active agent in a range of from about 0.5 to about 1.5 or from about 1.5 to about 0.5.

8 ~~10~~ (currently amended) The formulation of claim ~~1~~¹ wherein the taste masking effective amount of the coating is a weight ratio of coating weight to weight of the active agent in a range of from about 0.75 to about 1.25 or from about 1.25 to about 0.75.

9 ~~11~~ (currently amended) The formulation of claim ~~1~~¹ wherein the taste masking effective amount of the coating is a weight ratio of coating weight to weight of the active agent of about 1.0 to about 1.0.

10 ~~12~~ (currently amended) The formulation of claim ~~1~~¹ wherein the weakly acidic methacrylic acid-ethyl acrylate copolymer is selected from a copolymer designed to dissolve at a pH greater than about pH 5.5.

11 ~~13~~ (original) The formulation of claim ~~1~~¹⁰ wherein the methacrylic acid-ethyl acrylate copolymer is a copolymer designed to dissolve at a pH range of from about pH 5.5 to about pH 8.

12 ~~14~~ (currently amended) The formulation of claim ~~1~~¹ wherein the active agent is levofloxacin; wherein the weakly acidic methacrylic acid-ethyl acrylate copolymer is a copolymer designed to dissolve at a pH range of from about pH 5.5 to about pH 8; and, wherein the taste masking effective amount of the coating is a weight ratio of coating weight to weight of levofloxacin of about 1.0 to about 1.0.